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1. The Board Subcommittee on Standards Development recommends that the Board of Directors approve the following policy on standards and guidelines development:

   a. ASHRAE writes standards for the purpose of establishing consensus for: 1) methods of test for use in commerce and 2) ~~performance~~ design or practice criteria for use as facilitators with which to guide the industry.
   b. Consensus standards are developed and published to define minimum values or acceptable performance whereas other documents, such as guidelines or design guides, may be developed and published to encourage enhanced performance.
   c. Relevant criteria shall be defined with which to determine acceptable performance in standards relating to design and practices.
   d. Valid and reliable metrics shall be defined with which to determine accuracy and precision of measurements in all standards.
   e. Method of achieving compliance with criteria shall be defined in standards relating to design and practice.
   f. Standards should provide a path that is concise, simple and as easy to use as possible.
   g. Before a draft standard is released for public review, consensus shall have been achieved within ASHRAE.
   h. When consensus cannot be met on fundamental, controversial issues; policy guidance shall be given by the ASHRAE Board of Directors.

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